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TAGS: MASS, FR

SUBJECT: TERMINATION OF SELECTED MAAGS; NEW TITLE

REF: (A) STATE 250892 DTG 081701Z OCT 76,

(B) PARIS 29827 DTG 081759Z OCT 76,

(C) PARIS 23748 DTG 161529Z AUG 76.

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY WOULD PREFER TO RETAIN TITLE (FOR FORMER MAAG ELEMENT) OF "OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS." HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON DETERMINES IDENTICAL TITLE SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR COMMON USE WORLD-WIDE, WE CAN ACCEPT "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION." ACTION REQUESTED: NOTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL TITLE AND AUTHORIZATION TO FORMALLY NOTIFY QUAI OF TRANSITION IN MAAG  
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STATUS. END SUMMARY.

2. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY AS TO OFFICE TITLE PREFERENCE CONTAINED IN REF A, WE REITERATE WHAT WE REQUESTED IN REF B: APPROVAL OF NAME "OFFICE OF MUTUAL DEFENSE AFFAIRS." HOWEVER, WE CAN ACCEPT "OFFICE OF DEFENSE COOPERATION."

3. WHAT WE DO NEED IS A SPEEDY DETERMINATION OF THE TITLE AND AUTHORIZATION BY WASHINGTON TO INFORM QUAI OFFICIALLY OF THE TRANSITION, WHICH WE FIRST REQUESTED ON AUGUST 16 (REF C). THIS HAS BECOME MATTER OF URGENCY HERE BECAUSE OF FOLLOWING: BOULLET OF PACTS AND DISARMAMENT CONTACTED US THIS WEEK INFORMALLY TO STATE THAT QUAI HAS BEEN ADVISED BY FRENCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT SINCE MAAG FRANCE HAS CEASED TO EXIST, GOF NEED NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE SUPPORT COSTS. EMBOFF EXPLAINED TO BOULLET THAT AS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY INFORMALLY ADVISED QUAI, THOUGH MAAG WAS TERMINATED, NEW ENTITY WOULD CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT MAAG FUNCTIONS. BOULLET ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE THUS MAY BE JUSTIFICATION FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT FUNDING BY GOF BUT SAID THAT IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION BY EMBASSY IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOF TO DO ANYTHING ON THIS SCORE. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION TOWARD TERMINATION OF ANY FUNDING UNTIL HE HAS HEARD FROM US FURTHER.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SPEEDY WASHINGTON AUTHORIZATION TO INFORM OFFICIALLY GOF OF CHANGE IN ORGANIZATION AND WHAT NEW OFFICIAL TITLE WILL BE.  
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